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This letter contains our endangered species act section 7(d) determination and associated documents. We agree that the continued implementation of forest plans and associated projects within the known range of northern long-eared bat in the Forest Service Southern Region will not result in the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources that foreclose the formulation or implementation of reasonable and prudent alternatives during the Section 7 consultation process. The 7(d) determination is the documentation that allows us to continue operations while we complete further consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. The enclosures should be placed in the planning section of your public website. This will preclude the need to place copies in the project files.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dennis Krusac at (404) 347-4338, or via email at dkrusac@fs.fed.us.

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Enclosures (4)

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